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## **Notes** from the Executive Secretary



## To Young Farmers

By Tommy Gladden

The Tenth Summer Tour was hosted by the Edgefield and Saluda Chapters on August 8-9 with headquarters at ,the Holiday Inn Aiken. Several local and state agribusinesses sponsored the tour through contributions toward the transportation, meals, and refreshments. The tour was planned and organized by District I State Vice-President William Clark of the Edgefield Chapter.

The Edgefield Chapter hosted a social during registration Friday evening and a breakfast buffet Saturday morning. Stops included L.D. Holmes and Sons Kiwi Farm, South "C" Peaches, White Acre Turkey Farm, the Saluda Young Farmer Tractor Pull, and Amick's Farms Feed Mill. A delicious grilled turkey lunch was provided by the Saluda Chapter sponsored by Louis Rich.

Young Farmers had the opportunity to view several different agricultural operations and meet others to exchange ideas and comments.

The 20th National Institute will be hosted by the Oklahoma Association in Oklahoma City November 29 - December 3. Those interested in attending should contact me if they have not received information from the host state.

Our 39th State Convention will be held in Columbia January 16-17, 1987 at the Radisson Hotel. Look for details in the near future. Now is the time for chapters to be completing contest award applications. Applications have been given to all advisors. Please make every effort to submit an application in each area.

## To Future Farmers

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

Congratulations to the FFA members and advisors who were recognized at the 1986 State FFA Convention held at Clemson University in June. You will see many of them in this issue of the magazine. An enthusiastic crowd of over 300 members and guests attended and participated in the convention program.

A new group of State FFA Officers were elected to serve you for 1986-87. Their names and chapters are shown elsewhere on this page. Call on them during the year to help your chapter get organized or whenever you need them for a special occasion. They are anxious and willing to serve you and help your chapter become a stronger one.

The National FFA Convention will be held in Kansas City, November 12-15. Final plans have been made for the South Carolina delegation to fly in two groups—one from Columbia and one from Greenville-Spartanburg. The cost, including the plane ticket, room in Kansas City and insurance will be \$252 for students and \$273 for adults. Please contact your district consultant or Mr. McClimon right away if you are interested in going with the South Carolina delegation. Rooms have been reserved at the Kansas City Travelodge, and you can reserve them through the South Carolina Association if you wish to provide your own transportation. Room rates are \$23 per night for adults (double occupancy) and \$16 per night for FFA members (3 per room).

Some exciting and motivational speakers will be appearing on this year's program, and we hope to have a good group to represent South Carolina.

## **Cover Photo**

Bryon Williams of Brittons Neck FFA Chapter, District 3 Star Farmer, is shown on cover feeding his beef animals earlier this year before one of the worst droughts on record depleted pastures and other farm crops. The shortage led to Future Farmers across the nation joining hands with SC Future Farmers in sending much needed hay into the State before rains restored, green pastures.

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## SCFFA Convention

## Keep your Eyes Upon The Gold

"When you mine gold you have to go through a lot of dirt," was a message to Future Farmers during the 59th annual convention of the South Carolina Future Farmers of America June 11-13 at Clemson University.

The speaker, Tony B. Hoyt of Dumfries, Va., was relating a story told by Dale Carnegie. In response to a question, "How do you develop a millionaire?," Carnegie answered:

"Becoming a millionaire is kinda of like mining for gold. When you mine gold you have to go through a lot of dirt. But never keep your eyes on the dirt. You keep your eyes on the gold," Carnegie answered.

"And that's life, isn't it," Mr. Hoyt continued. "You know for so long we have focused our minds on the dirt," he added

To become a success, you also have to set goals. A Harvard University study showed three percent of the graduates who set goals achieved more than all the other 97 percent," he emphasized.

Mr. Hoyt is program specialist for leadership development for the National FFA.

Educational messages of enrichment, leadership, and motivation were presented by other featured speakers including Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University; Cindy Blair of Noble, Okla. vice president of the National FFA; Rusty Darby of Chester, president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers, and retiring State FFA officers.

Mr. Darby stressed the values and importance of an education in successful farming careers and in earning a living.

More than 300 Future Farmers participated in the convention which got underway with vesper services Wednesday night, June 11.

Highlights of the three-day convention included competitive events, recognition of winners in activities during the year, and presentation of awards.

Recipients of contests and awards programs follows:



Dr. Max Lennon, president of Clemson University, center; Mrs. Lennon, and J. Earl Frick of Florence, SCFFA executive secretary, enjoy a brief visit as time arrives for the opening session of the 59th annual SCFFA convention.

#### Star Farmer

Robert Todd Stott of Landrum FFA Chapter, was honored as South Carolina State FFA Star Farmer in colorfull ceremonies during the State FFA Convention.

The Star Farmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Stott. H.B. Waldrop is his agriculture teacher and FFA Chapter advisor.

Recognition as Star Farmer was based upon his outstanding achievement in leadership and his supervised farming program. His farming program has been mainly devoted to beef cattle and in starting a herd of registered Brahman cattle. Also he and his brothers help their father to operate the family business which is the Chesnee Livestock Yard, Inc.

He was presented a \$300 cash award in recognition of being named Star Farmer from a field of four District Star Farmers.

District Star Farmers included Al Harman of Gilbert; Byron Williams of Gresham, Brittons Neck Chapter; Dennis Gary Doremus II, of Orangeburg, Edisto Chapter; and the Star Farmer represented his district.

#### BOAC

#### Governor's Citation

The Mullins Chapter of the Future Continued on page 4.

Farmers of America was presented the Governor's Citation in the SCFFA "Building Our American Communities" program at the closing session.

Allen Keith Moore of the Mullins Chapter was recognized as the State Individual BOAC winner. James L. Bell is agriculture teacher and advisor to the Mullins Chapter.

The Mullins Chapter was selected to receive the Governor's Citation from three chapters honored with the Gold Emblem recognition in the contest. Other Gold Emblem Chapters and respective agriculture teachers included Dorman FFA Chapter, C. Gerald Moore; and Brittons Neck, Jerry Pace.

their father to operate the family business which is the Chesnee Livestock Yard, Inc.

He was presented a \$300 cash award in recognition of being named Hillcrest, William Keels.

Bronze Emblem Chapters and teachers included Gilbert, J.A. Cunningham; Thurmond at Edgefield, Hugh M. Bland; and Conway, James B. Anderson

Four Future Farmers were presented \$450 each as winners in the Individual Future Farmers Contest. They included Jeffrey Paul Jones of Roebuck and member of Woodruff Chapter, Elmer Continued on page 4.



Cindy Blair of Noble, Okla., National FFA vice president, commends members of the convention courtesy corps on a good job. Shown left to right, are Ms. Blair, Aaron Reason, Russell Graves, Ricky Eaddy, Ronald Lyerly, Chris Reason, and Stephen James. All are from Brittons Neck except Ronald Lyerly who is a member of the Johnsonville FFA Chapter.



New officers of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers include, left to right, Patricia Port of Pleasant Hill, president; Kenneth Thompkins of Mullins, secretary; Russell Green of Mayo, treasurer; Jimmy Smith of Strom Thurmond, reporter; Roy Patterson of York, sentinel; and William H. Ray, Jr. of Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, vice president.

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Smith, agriculture teacher; Randall L. Price of Gilbert Chapter, Jack Cunningham, agriculture teacher; Melissa Lynn Tyler of Loris, Ben Hardee, agriculture teacher; and James L. Ennis, Jr., of Aiken, Joe Wilson, agriculture teacher. The contest is offered as an incentive to improve diversified farming programs and to develop leadership ability in farming

#### Plant Food Scholarship

Randall Lyle Price, president of the Gilbert Chapter of Future Farmers of America, was presented an agricultural scholarship by the South Carolina Plant

Patrick Settle of Dorman prepares a convention report.

Food Society. scholarship

teacher is Jack Cunningham.

The \$500 scholarship is offered on a Center. competitive basis for a freshman enrollor agricultural education.

#### **Honorary Degrees**

Thirty individuals were presented honorary State Farmer degrees in recognition of their leadership, support and contribution to the growth and progress of the FFA organization.

Farmer degrees from the State FFA officers included Barron R. Simms of Greer, James F. Gilreath, Jr. of Greenville, Tommy Harmon of Lexington, Floyd N. Brockington of Florence, Clark Woods of Fountain Inn, and Reginald Greene of Sumter, all agriculture teachers.

Dorman High School, Spartanburg; Bobby Whitehead, principal of Gilbert High School, Gilbert; Larry Hughes, director of Florence Area Vocational Center, Florence; S.B. Marshall, chairman of Holly Hill School Board; Rusty Darby of Chester, president of S.C. Association of Young Farmers; Harry S. Bell, of Cayce, president of S.C. Farm Bureau; Pete G. Gustafson of Winns-

Food Educational Society, John Sitton, boro, S.C. Farm Bureau; Von Jr., of Pendleton and a member of the Snelgrove, director of Conservation Board of Directors of the S.C. Plant Districts, S.C. Land Resources Conserpresented the vation Commission; Benjamin N. Stuckey, Jr., assistant state soil scien-The recipient is the son of Mr. and tist, Soil Conservation Service; and Tony Mrs. Larry C. Price. His agriculture Hoyt of Alexandria, Va., program specialist leadership, National FFA

Also parents of State FFA officers ining at Clemson University in agriculture cluding R.J. Poston, Jr., and Joyce W. Poston of Gresham: James R. Hurt and Patricia B. Hurt of Saluda: Jimmy Dale Miller and Linda H. Miller of Hemingway; Donnie Ray McGaha and Brenda Chervl McGaha of Honea Path; W.B. Wilkerson, Jr., and Erline B. Wilkerson of Hickory Grove; the Rev. John Hutto Those receiving Honorary State III and Joan Hutto of Cope; and Alvin E. Stott and Joyce Ann Stott of Landrum, parents of the State Star Farmer.

#### **Public Speaking**

Shanda Owens of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter in Georgetown County, won first place in the annual FFA Public Speaking Contest.

"American Farmers: An Endangered Also O. Wray Smith, Jr., principal of Species" was the topic of the winning address.

> Miss Owens' agriculture teacher and advisor is Mrs. Carlin Munnerlyn.

> Runner up speakers included Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path, Roy Patterson of York FFA Chapter, and John Hutto IV of Edisto Chapter in Orangeburg County.

Wagener-Salley FFA Chapter faced Continued on page 5.



Shanda Owens of Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter, left, receives plaque and congratulations from Dan Poston of Brittons Neck, State FFA President, as winner in the State FFA Public Speaking Contest.

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keen competition in taking first place in the State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Team members included Robert Baker, Scott Corbett, Jeffrey Swartz, Keith Yon and Wesley Yon. Allen Williams, agriculture teacher, worked with the team in preparing for the event.

Other state winners in competitive events during the convention including FFA Chapter and team members follow:

Farm Business Management: Brittons Neck, Alan Richardson, Mitchel Richardson, and Mitchel Woodberry, team members, along with Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Forestry: Ware Shoals FFA Chapter, Lance Baldwin, Charlie Howard, and



Thirty individuals were presented Honorary State Farmer degrees. Recipients in the above picture made following a dinner for the Honorary State Farmers include left to right, front row, Barron R. Simms, agriculture teacher at Greer; Clark Woods, agriculture teacher at Fountain Inn; Wray Smith, Jr., principal of Dorman High School, Spartanburg; Tommy Harmon, agriculture teacher at Lexington Vocational Center; and Bobby Whitehead, principal of Gilbert High School. Back row, Floyd N. Brockington, agriculture teacher at Florence; Reginald Greene, agriculture teacher at Sumter; Rusty Darby of Chester, president of the South Carolina Association of Young Farmers; Harry S. Bell of Cayce, president of S.C. Farm Bureau; Pete G. Gustafson of Winnsboro, S.C. Farm Bureau; and Von Snelgrove of S.C. Land Resources Conservation Commission in Columbia. A complete list of recipients is published in an accompanying article.

Bill Willard, team members; and Donnie Garrett, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Floriculture: Rock Hill Area Vocational Center, Susan Sanford, agriculture teacher and team advisor; and Sandy Freeser, Bryan Gordon, and Kim Grubb, team members. Pam Bonham of Aiken was high individual winner.

Nursery/Landscape: Pendleton, Al Gray and George Reed, agriculture teachers and team advisors; and George Brock, Mark Rhodes and Richard Helmly, team members. James Evans of Aiken was first place individual

winner.

Agricultural Mechanics: Wagener-Salley, Keith Yon, Robby Crompton, and Allan Richmond, team members, and Allen Williams, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

Steven Shirley, Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, won first place in the FFA Creed Speaking Event. Charlie Rhyne of Clover, was second, and Paul Fulmer of Wagener-Salley, was third.

Computers in Agriculture Awards: sponsored by AgriData Resources, Patrick Settle of Inman and a member Continued on page 7.



Lloyd Trimmier, agriculture teacher at Dacusville Junior High School, contributed to the enthusiastic mood of the convention with lively musical renditions from the organ.



The Wagener-Salley FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team received first place honors in State competition. Those in the picture include W.P. Lloyd of Walterboro, consultant for agricultural education in District 4 who conducted the contest; Dan Poston of Brittons Neck, SCFFA president who congratulates the winners; Allen Williams, team advisor, and team members Jeffry Swartz, Keith Yon, Wesley Yon, Scott Corbett, and Robert Baker.



Brittons Neck FFA Chapter captured first place in the Farm Business Management Contest. Those in the picture include Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher, and Team Members Alan Richardson, Mitchel Richardson, and Mitchel Woodberry, first place individual winner in the State.



Winners in the FFA Creed Contest include, left to right, Steven Shirley of Belton-Honea Path, first place; Charlie Rhyne of Clover, second; and Paul Fulmer of Wagener-Salley, third.



Ware Shoals FFA Chapter was first place in Forestry Contest. Those in the picture include, left to right, Lance Baldwin, first place individual winner; Bill Willard, Charlie Howard, and Donnie Garrett, agriculture teacher and team advisor.



Alan Edgar Preseau of Belton-Honea Path FFA Chapter, was State winner in Agricultural Electrification. Those in the picture include, left to right, Lewis Williamson of Carolina Power and Light Company, Florence; Harold J. Mackey, agriculture teacher at Belton-Honea Path; Alan Preseau; and Jim Tyson of Duke Power Company, Raleigh, N.C.



Pendleton FFA Chapter was first place in Nursery/Landscape. Those in the picture include, left to right, George Reed, agriculture teacher; and Team Members Mark Rhodes, Richard Helmly, and George Brock.



Mullins FFA Chapter was honored with the Gold Emblem as State winner in (BOAC) award. Those in the picture include, left to right, Jimmy Sawyer of Mullins, BOAC adult community chairman; Dr. M.A. Bishara, principal of Mullins High School; Keith Moore, BOAC student chairman; and James Bell, FFA advisor.



First place chapter in Agricultural Mechanics competition went to Wagener-Salley. Those in the picture include, left to right, kneeling, Allen Williams, agriculture teacher and Robert Baker. Back row, Allen Richmond, first place individual; Robby Crompton, second; and Keith Yon, third.



Benjie Rhoad of S.C. Farm Bureau, and former State FFA president, commends Dan Poston on the excellent convention program.

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of the Dorman FFA Chapter, Gold Emblem award; Robert E. Baker of Wagener-Salley FFA Chapter, Silver Emblem; and Alex C. Yarborough IV of St. John's FFA Chapter at Darlington, Bronze Emblem.

Agricultural Electrification Awards: Alan Edgar Preseau of Belton-Honea Path Chapter, State winner; Ernest Eugene Bowen of Pelion Chapter, District 2 winner; William Marshal McDaniels of Mullins Chapter, District 3 winner; and Keith Yon of Wagener-Salley Chapter, District 4 winner. Electrification awards were presented by Lewis Williamson of Florence, director of agricultural services, Carolina Power and Light Company.



Frank R. Stover of Pelion, former State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, right; is shown with Tony Hoyt of Dumfries, Va., program specialist for Leadership Development with the National FFA, who presented an inspiring address to the convention.



As the curtain came down on the 59th annual SCFFA Convention, balloons went up as a token of love, dedication, cooperation, fellowship and appreciation for those who made the convention a success. Steve McGaha of Honea Path, grasps the fleeting balloons for a final touch as the officers share the honors.



Patrick Settle of Dorman FFA Chapter, right, was awarded the Gold Emblem in Computers in Agriculture competition. Others in the picture include Robert E. Baker of Wagener-Salley FFA Chapter, left, Silver Emblem; and Alex C. Yarborough IV of St. John's FFA Chapter, Darlington, Bronze Emblem.



Leading contestants from Aiken FFA Chapter included, left to right, Aderial Lewis, third in Floriculture; Pam Bonham, first individual in Floriculture; James Ennis, first individual in Nursery Landscaping; and Joe Wilson, agriculture teacher and team advisor.

## Future Farmers Plan National Convention

"FFA...Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture" will be the theme of the 59th annual National FFA Convention November 12-15 in the Kansas City, Mo. municipal auditorium.

Approximately 100 Future Farmers from South Carolina are planning to attend.

Convention highlights will include the presentation of American Farmer degrees to 735 recipients including several outstanding Future Farmers from South Carolina. Other highlights will include recognition of the top FFA members and programs in 29 proficiency award areas and 10 national contests. Many of the South Carolina delegation will be competing for these awards.



Robert Todd Stott of Landrum FFA Chapter, center, is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Stott just after being recognized as Star Farmer of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America.

## FFA Officers Meet President Reagan

FFA leaders from across the nation were welcomed and challenged by President Reagan as he spoke with state officers, adult advisors and executive secretaries at the FFA State Presidents' Conference July 21-25.

Mark Wyndam, graduate student in agricultural education at Clemson University, conducted a slide presentation on activities of District Star Farmers.

South Carolina FFA leaders who met with President Reagan included Patricia Port of Pleasant Hill, SCFFA president; William H. Ray, Jr., of Hunter-Kinard-Tyler, vice president; and Hugh P. McClimon of Columbia, State supervisor of agricultural education and FFA advisor.

They were among the 47 state

## SC State Fair October 17-26

The South Carolina State Fair will be held October 17-26 at the State Fair Grounds in Columbia. FFA highlights will include beef cattle, swine judging, and showmanship competition. Future Farmers from several FFA Chapters will be participating in the competition. All are welcome to come and observe this educational activity and to support your fellow Future Farmers in their efforts.

leaders from 42 states who participated in the workshop funded by Chevrolet Motor Division and Monsanto Agricultural Products Company.

President Reagan said, "I'm convinced you are on the verge of a new age—agricultural breakthroughs like new disease resistant crops and much more awaits you."

"You'll face many challenges, just as each generation must as it comes of age. But you need only be true to the values that made this nation great, and they are very simple: faith, family, hard work and freedom," he continued.

The FFA Leaders met in workshops to share concerns and discuss issues facing FFA and vocational agriculture. Activities also included a congressional luncheon and a tour of Washington, D.C.

## Coming Next Issue...

- 1. "Big Mule" the pet Brahman bull owned by the SC Star Farmer.
- 2. Future Farmers Young Farmers participate in haylift activities.
- 3. Jet modified 6,000 horse power tractor at Saluda tractor pull.
- 4. National FFA Convention.

## **YF Summer Tour**

A visit to a Kiwi fruit production farm was one of the several featured attractions of the tenth annual Young Farmers tour August 8 and 9.

Leaving Holiday Inn near Aiken, Saturday morning August 9, the chartered bus carried the Young Farmers and their families to L.D. Holmes and Sons Kiwi Farm, a modernized peach packing shed, a turkey farm, and Amick Farm Feed Mill.

The tour included a stop at the Saluda Tractor Pull site where members saw and felt the excitement of powerful rigs that later on in the day would tug, twist and spin in a dynamic display of dogged determination to win.

During a lunch stop, hearty appetites of young and old got a special treat from a grilled turkey lunch sponsored by Louis Rich at Saluda High School.

The tour was sponsored by Saluda and Edgefield Chapters. Brief highlights of each stop follow:

#### KIWI FARM

Julian Holmes led an outstanding tour of this new and promising enterprise. The 16 acre farm is a model for the industry and the Holmes have been leaders in this field devoting much time and expense into this operation. Julian discussed the history of the crop, their involvement, and their future aspirations. The production of this crop has a great deal of promise and the product will surely be growing in popularity.

#### SOUTH "C" FARM

Jimmy Holmes presented a very interesting tour of one of the most modern and automated peach packing sheds. These modern facilities are able to process 1200 acres of fruit annually. Jimmy led the group through the processing from field to cooling; to sorting, selecting, sizing, to packing and shipping. Members were treated with fresh peaches to snack on.

#### RIDDLE FARM

Tony Riddle, president of the Saluda Young Farmers, took time off his busy weekend working with the annual Tractor Pull to host a tour of his new turkey operation. Tony, a longtime farmer and from a farm family, has diversified his farming operation. The addition of a brooder house and two "grow out barns" has capped off several years of planning by Tony and Louis Rich. Automation has been the key to this operation and success seems to be close at hand.

#### TRACTOR PULL

Their dream of providing educational opportunity to students to pursue a career in agriculture has grown into a tremendous project. Started in 1978 at a temporary site using rented seats, tents, and trailers; the pull has grown into a permanent site with permanent seats, concession stands, and ticket sales office. The pull this year was a national sanctioned event with an expected attendance of 15,000. The pro-



Tony Riddle, president of Saluda Young Farmer Chapter, and his father, V.O. Riddle, look over the turkeys, just before the tour bus arrives.

ceeds have been used to put several students through college and presently provide four scholarships for Saluda County students.

#### AMICK FEED MILL

Amick's Feed Mill is a tremendous operation recently completed near Monetta on Highway 23. The mill boasts the newest, computerized equipment. The mill, built to provide feed for Amick's growers in the area, was built with the capacity for future growth of the company and its feed requirements.

Have you heard the "Sidewalk Gossip"?

"You should have, it's all over town"!!



New crops and changing farm technology were featured in the young farmer recent annual summer tour. The tour group is shown above during a presentation of what to see at one of the farm visits.



Bill Whitfield, principal at Saluda High School and former agriculture teacher, welcomes Young Farmers in the tour group as he assists at the serving line during lunch.







Camp counselors were busy in support of leadership program from wake-up time to lights out. They included, left to right, Timmy Shealy, Chris Harris, Keith Edens and Brana Williams.

## Leadership Conference

## "You Are Responsible"

Setting goals, planning, training and persistance to reach goals were some of the special leadership skills emphasized at the leadership conference for State and Chapter FFA officers in June at Cherry Grove FFA Camp.

More than 125 farm youth leaders attended the conference. Workshop leaders and their respective topics included George Smith, president of Personal/Life Skills Center, Lexington, "Personal Leadership Skills"; Dr. James Daniels, professor of Agricultural Education at Clemson University, "Educational Opportunities in Agriculture"; and "Etiquette and Banquet Manners", Brana

Williams of Pleasant Hill, past State FFA officer.

"As a leader you are that person elected to the position to make things happen," Mr. Smith said. The morale of those in your organization will have the same morales you have. If your morale is low, the group's morale will be low," he continued.

"You will be responsible. Whether you accept the responsibility or not, you are responsible. Your organization will be just like you.

"You are the dreamer. You are the one who has the goals, the ideals. As a leader you have to take off the watch.

You have to give of yourself. You have to give that commitment. If not, get out and let a person come in who can make the organization what it should be.

"You have to walk the way your feet goes," Mr. Smith continued.

He noted that there are certain laws that govern the universe, one of which is gravity. You don't have to know why. You just have to know what will happen. If you do certain things you get certain results. You can't disobey these laws—neither can you disobey the laws of leadership."

Several laws of leadership he listed as



The leadership as well as the camping program provided a variety of recreation. Getting ready for tennis above are, left to right, Masa McBride of Wilson FFA Chapter in Florence, Howard Jeffery, Quentin Goodson and Demetri Bacote of Mayo FFA Chapter in Darlington.



George Smith of Lexington, president of Personal/Life Skills Center, demonstrates a point in leadership development during the presentation.



Lewis Thorpe, camp caretaker, checks over grounds equipment as part of the day's activities.

## Leadership Conference

including:

- 1. Whatever you give is what you will get back.
- 2. No two things can occupy the same place at the same time. You have to get rid of what you don't want to make room for those you want to keep.
- 3. Decide what you want to accomplish and write it down.
- 4. Get a clear picture in your mind



H.C. Edens, camp director since the facilities opened in 1957, provided considerate and helpful assistance in all camp operations from time Future Farmers and teachers arrive until they leave.

of what you do want.

- Whatever you want you have to speak it into existence. Whatever you speak will eventually happen so be careful what you speak, or you can speak it into existence.
- 6. You have to take action to achieve it.
- 7. You have to believe it before it can happen.
- 8. Enthusiasm. Put everything you have into everything you do.
- 9. You must presist until it is accomplished. "I will until I achieve my goal.

bored. You can't hit the target if you activities.

can't see it. Put the target up where your people can see it."

"Goals must be specific. You must have a plan on how to achieve that goal. You must work on that goal every day ..... "

"You must have a goal, a dream, but these are useless unless you have the courage to reach your goals," he continued.

"Faith, Hope, and Love activates motivation to achieve goals, he emphasized.

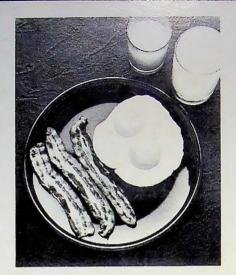
The three-day leadership conference "When you have no goals your whole also included swimming, recreation, team is dribbling around and nothing sports, vesper services, and participagets accomplished. Everyone gets tion in FFA leadership and chapter



Seminar emphasis on "goal setting" was demonstrated between sessions at the pier where Terry Jones of Johnsonville FFA, shows John Saffold of Brittons Neck, "how big" a fish he plans to catch.



John Ervin of Abbeville, missed his goal with only a tiny fish to show, but persisted in trying for a bigger catch.



## Without Farmers You Couldn't Bring Home The Bacon.

Or the eggs, milk, juice and cereal. Or much else to eat, either. Farmers manage the land so efficiently that each one feeds nearly 80 other people. They invest endless hours and large amounts of money, then risk it all in the face of adverse weather, disease, and more. As farmerowned, farmer-controlled cooperative lenders, we offer farmers the credit they need. As neighbors, you can give them the credit they deserve.









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